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	6,753,784	6/22/04	Sznaider et al			
	6,252,539	6/26/01	Phillips et al			
	5,255,190	10/19/93	Sznaider et al			
	4,347,618	8/31/82	Kavouras et al			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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